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1. SUMMARY. DR. ALEXANDER KING, OECD DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS AND ONE OF ORGANIZERS OF CLUB OF ROME, HAS PROVIDED USOECD WITH BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON SUBJECT CONFERENCE. THIS CONFERENCE WILL PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR AN INFORMAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS BETWEEN HEADS OF GOVERNMENT OF ABOUT 15 "SMALL" NATIONS ON INTERRELATED PROBLEMS OF ECONOMIC GROWTH, ENERGY NEEDS, ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS, POPULATION GROWTH AND FOOD PRODUCTION, RAW MATERIALS AND RENEWABLE RESOURCES. END SUMMARY.

2. SALZBURG MEETING OF "SMALL" NATIONS TO PROVIDE OPPOR-
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TUNITY FOR HEADS OF GOVERNMENT TO HAVE INFORMAL EXCHANGE

OF VIEWS ON NUMBER OF ISSUES CURRENTLY BEING EXAMINED BY CLUB OF ROME THROUGH ITS COORDINATED SPECIAL STUDY PROJECTS. MANY OF THESE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT HAVE EXPRESSED SERIOUS CONCERN AND NEED FOR DISCUSSION OF LONG-TERM, INTERRELATED SOCIO-ECONOMIC PROBLEMS WHICH ARE BECOMING INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT TO MANAGE, PARTICULARLY BY SMALLER NATIONS. OECD DIRECTOR GENERAL KING IS PREPARING BACKGROUND PAPER ON THESE ISSUES FOR SALZBURG MEETING. MOST RECENT (FEBRUARY 1973) STATEMENT ON CLUB OF ROME ACTIVITIES, ENTITLED "THE NEW THRESHOLD," WAS FORWARDED TO SCI AS ENCLOSURE TO MARCH 19, 1973 HEMILY/POLLACK LETTER. THIS STATEMENT DRAFTED BY KING HAS BEEN INTRODUCED INTO CONGRESSIONAL RECORD BY SENATOR PELL. ADDITIONAL COPIES BEING POUCHED TO RPE, SCI AND EMBASSY VIENNA.

3. FOLLOWING PECCEI/KING CONTACTS WITH SOME 18 PRIME MINISTERS OVER PAST YEAR, CLUB OF ROME EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGREED ON ENCOURAGING ESTABLISHMENT OF SMALL INFORMAL MEETING OF SOME 15 HEADS OF GOVERNMENT (OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES) TO EXAMINE SOME OF CONCLUSIONS AND ISSUES OF CLUB OF ROME STUDIES. CHANCELLOR KREISKY WELCOMED OPPORTUNITY TO HOST MEETING, WHICH HAS BEEN SET FOR FEBRUARY 4-5, IN CASTLE NEAR SALZBURG. LETTERS OF INVITATION SENT OUT BY PECCEI FOLLOWED UP BY KREISKY LETTER TO HEADS OF GOVERNMENT OF AT LEAST FOLLOWING COUNTRIES, MOST OF WHICH EXPECTED TO BE REPRESENTED BY PRIME MINISTER: FINLAND, SWEDEN, THE NETHERLANDS, BELGIUM, SWITZERLAND, AUSTRIA, CANADA, SENEGAL, ALGERIA, TUNISIA, MEXICO, PAKISTAN, SINGAPORE, YUGOSLAVIA, AND IRELAND. YUGOSLAVIA AND IRELAND TO BE REPRESENTED BY SOMEONE DESIGNATED BY HEAD OF GOVERNMENT. ALSO POSSIBLE THAT POLAND WILL ATTEND. EACH HEAD OF GOVERNMENT ALLOWED TO HAVE ONE PERSONAL ASSISTANT.

4. THE SEVEN-MEMBER CLUB OF ROME EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO ATTEND SALZBURG MEETING. THESE ARE PECCEI (ITALY), KING (UK/OECD), PESTEL (FRG), OKITA (JAPAN), BOTTCHE (NETHERLANDS), THEIMAN (SWITZERLAND/BATTELLE), AND CARROLL WILSON (US/MIT). THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL (WALDHEIM) HAS BEEN INVITED TO ATTEND SALZBURG MEETING AS OBSERVER. KING STATED THAT NO RECOMMENDATIONS ARE EXPECTED FROM MEETING ALTHOUGH THERE MAY BE A "DECLARATION OF INTEREST."

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5. KING HAD BEEN INFORMED BY PECCEI OF MEETING WITH ACTING SECRETARY RUSH (REFTEL) AND OF CONTACT WITH USSR (BGISHIANI). KING STATED GVISHIANI STRONGLY SUPPORTED IDEA OF "SMALL" NATIONS MEETING BUT WAS ALSO AMUSED BY PRESUMPTUOUSNESS OF CLUB OF ROME CALLING TOGETHER SO MANY PRIME MINISTERS. KING ALSO STATED THAT GROUPS IN USSR, POLAND AND ROMANIA EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN CLUB OF ROME STUDIES AND MEETINGS

IN NEAR FUTURE.

6. IN CONVERSATION KING STRESSED FACT THAT CLUB OF ROME WAS NOT ADVOCATE FOR ZERO GROWTH. REAL OBJECTIVE IS TO SEEK UNDERSTANDINGS ON INTERRELATIONSHIPS AND CONSEQUENCES FOR MANAGING GROWTH WITH PARTICULAR ATTENTION GIVEN TO INADEQUACIES OF CURRENT PROCEDURES AND STRUCTURES OF GOVERNMENTS. REPORT ON MAJOR CLUB OF ROME MEETING HELD IN TOKYO, SEPTEMBER 1973 SHOULD BE PUBLISHED WITHIN NEXT FEW WEEKS.ROGERS

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